

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

* Athelington * Denham * Horham
* Hoxne * Redlingfield * Syleham * Wingfield

October 2016

OCT 2016	2 Oct Trinity 19	9 Oct Trinity 20	16 Oct Trinity 21	23 Oct Trinity 22	30 Oct All Saints
	Lament 1:1-6 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Comm *		11.15m Benefice Communion at Athelington*
Denham			3pm Harvest Festival *	11.15am * Family Service	
Horham	11.15am Harvest Festival *	10am BCP Said Holy Communion *		11.15am Family Service	
Hoxne	11.15am + Holy Comm	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Holy Comm * 11.15am Harvest Festival	10am Family Service	
Redl'field	9.30am * Holy Comm		11.15am Baptism *	3pm Harvest Songs of Praise*	
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for * the benefice		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Comm *	
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion *	10am Family Service	6.30pm Evensong	

During our recent holiday in Italy, we visited Pompeii, which was buried under the ash and pumice from nearby Vesuvius which erupted in AD 79.

Walking out of the town gate on the Herculaneum Road and through the cemetery, Mary commented on how it was clearly outside the town. The 'great and the good' were buried close to the town gate but still outside the wall. Twenty centuries later, we assume cemeteries are going to be by the church. This change is part of the revolution in thinking that came with the re-imagining of the world that Christianity brought.

Previously the dead were seen as best avoided, buried outside the wall; the source of ghosts and spirits that threatened the well-being, mentally and physically of the living. Christianity heralded a complete change in how the spiritual was perceived. Those who had been particularly holy; who'd been revered in life were kept close at death with their bones being treasured and kept by their churches.

From there, it was a short step to everyone being buried in or near the church building; the departed were no longer feared in the same way, but embraced as part of the whole family of God. On the 29 October, we remember the whole family of God with our service to commemorate the departed in Hoxne church at 4pm. We the living, will remember those who have gone before us as we read their names. If you would like someone remembered during the service, please be sure to contact me - I'd far rather I was given a name twice than they were left out. Thank you, and may we, like them rest in peace and rise in glory.

Reverend Michael

Rev Michael's Rest Days and clergy retreat...Thurs 6, Thurs 13, Mon 17 to Fri 21, Thurs 27 Oct.

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Sunday 9 October, 8am-9am, Radio Suffolk's Harvest Service live from Athelington Hall (next to Athelington Church), followed by coffee, tea and bacon rolls. Please note that the Horham service that day is a short service at 10am.

Tuesday 11 October, Midweek Communion at Denham Church, 7.30pm *

Saturday 29 October, Commemoration of the Departed in Hoxne Church, 4pm

* with Rev Michael, + with Canon Andrew

Prayer breakfasts to start the week

Monday mornings - breakfast and prayers. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. We are always finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for where we will be, as we rotate between homes.

Radio Suffolk Harvest Service

On Sunday 9 October, Radio Suffolk's Jon Wright's Sunday morning show will be coming from Athelington Hall (Peter Havers' farm next to the church). It is an inter-denominational harvest celebration service with Horham Baptists, The Forge and us. The Forge are providing a band but we'll need some good singers in the congregation. The service starts at 8am, followed by coffee, tea and bacon rolls at 9am.

Live Nativity on Christmas Eve



Do you see yourself as a wise wo/man or a shepherd? Preparations have started for this year's Live Nativity and you can be part of it. There are lovely costumes and no words to learn as there is a narrator. The actual performance will be on Christmas Eve at 3pm. if you want take part, please contact Barbara Irwin cobowner@gmail.com or 01379 870500.

Wingfield Barns 01379 384505

26 Sept to 3 Oct, Cyril Winfield Exhibition Gallery 1 and 2. Sat 8 to Sun 23 Oct, 11am – 4pm: Royal Photographic Society - East Anglia Region annual exhibition of prints and projected images. Closed Mon/Tues.

Food for thought...

Our monthly lunchtime series on the parable of the prodigal son continues. This month we will be thinking about the older son in the parable, Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's writings. We're at Syleham Village Hall from 12 noon on Weds 26 October. All welcome and booking not required but it is helpful to know if you're thinking of coming to get the catering about right. No charge but donations welcome and any 'surplus' will be used for benefice funds. Next date: Weds 23 Nov: The father.

St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne

* Friends' Quiz Night on Sat 1 Oct, St Edmund's Hall. Bar open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Contact John Brawn on 668352.
*Offerings of tins or packets of food for the Waveney Valley foodbank are welcomed at the Harvest Festival on 16 Oct, 11.15am;
*St Edmund's Primary School Harvest Service in church on Fri 21, 2.30pm;
*Friends' Coffee Morning, Sat 22, 10am;
*Annual Harvest Lunch on Sun 23 Oct, St Edmund's Hall, organised by the Friends of the Church (01379 669322).

Saturday 29 October -

Commemoration of the Departed

On Saturday 29 October at 4pm in Hoxne church, we will have our annual Service of Commemoration of the Departed. A gentle service, the centre of which is the reading, and remembering, of the names of those dear to us who are departed from this life. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

If there is anyone who you would like remembered at this service, please let Rev Michael have their names; it doesn't matter when they left us, or where they are buried - it will be our honour to remember them with you.

Lots of coffee to drink!

* **In the Old School Hall in Horham** every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter and now, internet access and tuition.

* **The Rural Coffee Caravan** will be in **Redlingfield** on Weds 5 and in **Wingfield** (Castle Green) on Tues 18 Oct, both 10am to 12 noon. It is a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake. Just come along and see for yourself. Donations welcome.

Redlingfield Pub on the Green, Sat 1 Oct, 6pm till midnight.

Athelington church is a beautiful, small building to sit and be still in. To make the most of such a rare gem, and broaden our range of worship, we are going to experiment with some meditative services there. The first of these will be on the afternoon of Sunday 15 January. This might seem a long way off, but for a completely new service it will soon be here! I would welcome lots of help and ideas with the planning of these services, so if you'd like to be part of that group please let me know. Many thanks, Rev Michael.

Harvest services

2 Oct, Horham, 11.15am
9 Oct, Athelington Hall, 8am, broadcast live on Radio Suffolk
16 Oct, Hoxne, 11.15am
Denham, 3pm
23 Oct, Redlingfield, 3pm

These newsletters are found in each of our churches but if you would like to receive a copy by email, please send your email address to hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

The Suffolk Historic Churches

sponsored cycle ride - was Saturday 10 September.

A big 'thank you' to all of you who supported the SHCT sponsored Bike Ride. It is too early to say how much was raised for each of the churches but, by the next issue of the newsletter all will be revealed. It was a wet and windy day especially after about 10 o'clock but I saw many riders out and about and I personally had a very enjoyable and successful day. So thank you to all of the riders, walkers, recorders, sponsors and organisers for making it happen. Sue Roberts.

Hoxne branch of the Mothers' Union is holding a Coffee Morning on Weds 5 October, 10.30am – 12noon, at The Vicarage, Wingfield. There will be a Bring and Buy, cards for Christmas and other occasions, Fair Trade coffee and tea. Raffle. All welcome.

Syleham September was a busy month! Our Harvest Service on 18 Sept saw a good congregation in the beautifully decorated church and the collection raised £280.63, including gift aid, for Mission Aviation Fellowship and their work in transporting food and aid in countries where land travel is impossible. The most enjoyable Harvest Supper on 24 Sept, thanks to freely donated contributions, made £376. This was also the occasion for unveiling the winner of the hunt for Earl Bigod's Haul: thank you to people from other parishes who generously entered into the spirit of this competition which, in the event, was won by Jacqueline Campbell of Syleham. We owe a big 'Thank You' to Jim Woodger who devised and managed this competition which raised £360 for church funds.

The next Messy Church will be Sun 2 Oct, 4pm at Syleham Village Hall.